



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Chief Administrative Officer

At its meeting held June 8, 2004, the Board took the following action:

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The following statement was entered into the record for Supervisor Knabe:

“Now that the Board of Supervisors, on a 3-2 vote with myself and Supervisor Antonovich opposing, has voted to remove the cross from the official County seal it is important to know how much this action will cost tax payers of Los Angeles County’s working poor.

“Clearly, the County of Los Angeles is in a very tough financial position given the already proposed \$269 million in cuts to next fiscal year’s budget with an additional \$103 million impact from the State budget. These cuts have resulted in the proposed reduction of funding for public safety, libraries, parks and many other vital County services such as AIDS funding which will directly affect the County’s working poor.”

Interested persons addressed the Board.

After discussion, Supervisor Knabe made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Antonovich, that the Board instruct the Chief Administrative Officer to take the following actions:

1. Report back to the Board within 14 days on the estimated cost to replace every County seal, including, but not limited to: 90,000 employee badges and business cards, 12,000 County vehicles, letterhead for 36 County departments, signage for hundreds of County buildings, parks and facilities, thousands of County uniforms, official County forms and documents, thousands of various County forms, awards, scrolls, plaques and memorabilia and Web sites; and

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2. Quantify, as part of the cost to change the County seal, how many and how much staff time will be spent on designing, approving and implementing a new County seal and what that cost will be; and to identify which funding in the Fiscal Year 2004-05 budget will be used to pay for these costs and determine what further cuts to the budget, if any, will have to be made to meet the demands of the ACLU to remove the cross from the County seal, of which the Board on June 1, 2004 voted 3-2 in Closed Session to support.

After discussion, Supervisor Burke made a substitute motion, seconded by Supervisor Yaroslavsky, that the Board instruct the Chief Administrative Officer to take the following actions:

1. Report back to the Board with a cost estimate for replacing the County seal as it relates to signage on County buildings, parks and facilities, along with an appropriate method and timetable for the change;
2. Ensure that the use of the current County seal on all official County forms including department letterhead, employee badges and business cards is not changed until such time as there is a new seal approved by the Board and all inventories bearing the current seal are depleted;
3. Ensure that all uniforms bearing the current County seal are utilized until they are no longer useable and are being replaced, and that new uniforms then bear the seal as it exists at the time the uniform is purchased; and
4. In conjunction with the Interim Director of Internal Services, report on what the current inventory is of County seals used for placement on County vehicles.

After further discussion, said substitute motion was duly carried by the following vote: Ayes: Supervisors Molina, Burke and Yaroslavsky; Noes: Supervisors Antonovich and Knabe.

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(Also See Agenda No. 64-C this date)